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Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" ஸார், கடந்த சில வருஷங்களாக கோயம்பத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு என்று கையாண்டு வந்த முறை இப்பொழுது கையாளப்படவில்லை. அதைப் பற்றி கவர்ன்மெண்டுக் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறோம். ஆகையால் ஜனத்தொகையை அனுசரித்து கோயம்பத்தூர் ஹரிஜன ஹாஸ்டலுக்கு தனியாக கிராண்டு கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் இதைப் பற்றி தனியாக ஒரு கேள்வி போட்டுக் கேளுங்கள்."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, may I know whether backward class students are admitted anywhere in the Harijan hostels? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, they are admitted in many hostels."

Leprosy Sanatorium for Madras.

9–50 a.m. * 587 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a Leprosy Sanatorium in Madras has been completed;

(*b*) the number of leprosy patients in the State on 28th February 1953; and

(*c*) the number of beds in the Leprosy Sanatoria in the State on 28th February 1953?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government are not constructing any leprosy sanatorium in the Madras City. There is no such proposal now under consideration.

" (*b*) No detailed survey has yet been conducted to determine the incidence of leprosy in the various districts of the State. No information is therefore available regarding the number of leprosy patients in the State (on a given date).

" (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Sri S. VEMIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the number of beds from 15 and 8 in the Leprosy Sanatoria in Krishna and Chittoor districts respectively as the present bed strength is inadequate? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" They are private institutions, Sir."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government offer any attraction to leper patients to receive treatment periodically in the hospitals? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. There are several clinics all over the State where out-patient treatment is given to leprosy patients."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 545 infra.

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SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"In the printed answer placed on the table of the House, 2 sanatoria are shown in Malabar. In view of the fact that the leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode, is situated in the adjacent compound of the Mission Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur and in view of the fact that the doctors and the experts concerned of the latter sanatorium are looking after the patients of the former, i.e., the Leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take these facts into consideration and see that the Leprosy Poor Home, Kozhikode is merged with the Mission Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur as thereby some amount can be saved?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"It is a fairly long question, Sir, and I have not been able to understand what exactly the hon. Member wants to know."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"May I know, Sir, the districts where leprosy is commonly predominant and what action has been taken so far and how far it is successful?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"There are districts where the incidence of leprosy is high and there are certain places where leprosy is endemic. In a district like South Arcot where there is plenty of leprosy, the Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangha has started a special scheme for the control of this disease and a number of clinics as also one sanatorium have been opened."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"Is it a fact that the grant to the Leprosy Sanatorium, Chevayur, is stopped when the patients there are in an advanced stage and that a large number of patients have been turned out of the sanatorium and have become a nuisance to the town?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Grants are given to institutions where open cases are given treatment."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"In view of the fact that a large number of lepers are infesting the streets of Madras City and also bus stands, will the Government consider the desirability of opening a leper clinic in Madras City and give them treatment for making them sterile?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The Corporation of Madras are running two clinics and they are also thinking of opening a sanatorium. The question of making leprosy patients sterile will have to be given consideration."

Government aid to Tuberculosis Sanatoria.

* 588 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Tuberculosis Sanatoria there are in the State and where they are located; and

(*b*) the nature of Government aid that was granted or is being granted to each one of them?